



The OWL Hoot

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Words from the Lodge Advisor

2011 Lodge Advisor Tim McRae

Greeting Arrowmen of the Immokalee Lodge,

We may be small in numbers, but we as Arrowmen have big ideas; but as a team we can do big things. I do not know all the answers, but I know who does! The answer: Arrowmen of The Immokalee Lodge. So with everyone help we can accomplish great things. As with any team, ARE YOU A SPECTATOR OR A PLAYER?

June Fellowship

This summer, Immokalee Lodge will host Alapaha Lodge #545 from Valdosta Georgia in June from the 3rd to the 5th for a weekend of fellowship and service to the camp. Arrowmen from Alapaha and Immokalee will help the Ranger prepare for summer camp. Immokalee has not hosted another lodge in quite some time, and this is a tremendous opportunity to fellowship with Arrowmen outside of Immokalee Lodge. Let's show Alapaha what we're about and make good memories with them while they are our guests at Camp Osborn. The only way we can do this is if we get every possible Immokalee Lodge member to attend. Please do not miss this opportunity for fellowship and service. More information, including registration forms, will be released soon.

Did you know? The word "Immokalee" originated from the Miccosukee Indian word "Ah-mo-gee" which means "my home" or "my place." As the Miccosukee and Seminole tribes began to merge in the 1800s, the word became "Immokalee." Thus, Immokalee is considered a Seminole word.

The OWL Hoot is the official membership publication of Order of the Arrow Immokalee Lodge #353. The Editors gladly accept articles from the Lodge membership. Please contact the current Lodge Secretary at:

matt.dickinson22@gmail.com and the Lodge Historian at: mikegreene353@bellsouth.net to submit an article.

2011 Endurance Ride

Arrowman assist in national event

Camp Osborn hosted the American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC) for one of their 2011 Endurance Rides. Arrowman, along with several local troops, helped out the AERC by acting as guides along the trail crossroads so no riders would get lost. Arrowmen and Scouts were present for "Safety, hospitality, and making sure that the riders didn't try to cut any corners." Pictures can be found on the lodge website.



2011 Winter Pow Wow

On January 28th-30th 2011,

Arrowmen from

Immokalee Lodge gathered together for the 2011 Pow Wow.

Games included Tug of War, Ultimate Frisbee, Rock Band, and Volleyball. Pictures will be on the lodge website soon.



2011 SR-9 Conclave



Welcome to the place where the bonds of brotherhood bring regions together... Welcome to the place where life-long friendships are formed across the states... Welcome to the biggest section event of the year... Welcome, to Conclave!

The Section 9 Conclave is the main social section-wide event of the year. Arrowman from Alapaha Lodge from Valdosta GA, Alibama Loge from Montgomery AL, Aracroma Lodge from Tuscaloosa AL, Chattahoochee Lodge from Columbus GA, Coosa Lodge from Birmingham AL, Echeconnee Lodge from Macon GA, Egwa Tawa Dee from Atlanta GA, Immokalee Lodge from Albany GA, Ini-To Lodge from Griffin GA, Mowogo Lodge from Athens GA, Pilthlako Lodge from Waycross GA, and Waquil Lodge from Rome GA will come together at Camp Lawhorn Scout Reservation from April 15th-17th to compete in everything from Dogeball, Spades, and Ultimate Frisbee. They will take classes in everything from how to run a lodge effectively to how to bring your lodge ceremonies to life! Conclave is one of the biggest OA events in the year, don't miss this opportunity Arrowmen! Registration forms have already been sent out, and the deadline is March 14th.

For more information go to: <http://www.sr-9.org>

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO GET INVOLVED IN IMMOKALEE LODGE? WE'RE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR MORE HELP! USE THE LEC ROSTER POSTED AT THE END OF THIS OWL HOOT AND CONTACT THE CHAIRMAN WHO LEADS THE COMMITTEE YOU WANT TO JOIN.

2011 Indian Summer

While *Indian Summer 2011* will focus on building your dance or ceremony skills, there will also be plenty of time to participate in other recreation. The Activities and Recreation Committee will sponsor a number of programs and events throughout the conference for all Arrowmen to enjoy. Participants will be divided into nations, each having their own specific tribes and clans. Clans will consist of members of like ages while also being very diverse, giving you the chance to network and gain knowledge from several Arrowmen across the country.

In the ongoing spirit of service, you will have the opportunity to participate in a substantial service project, planned in conjunction with the Ridgecrest Conference Center. Utilizing all that Ridgecrest has to offer, there will be many different and exciting recreational activities to give you the opportunity to make the best of YOUR *Indian Summer 2011* experience. Not only will you gain knowledge to better your lodge's American Indian Affairs, you'll also be creating a memorable event with Arrowmen from lodges all across the nation. For more information, go to:

<http://event.oa-bsa.org/events/is2011/index.htm>

Upcoming Lodge, Council, and Section Events

Event	Date	Location
Section SR-9 Conclave!	Apr. 15-17	Camp Thunder Lawhorn Scouting Base
Council Scout Show	May 13-15	Location: TBD
June Fellowship	June 3-5	Camp Osborn
OA Expo	June 14, 16, 21, 23	Camp Osborn (Summer Camp)
OA Chapter Socials	June 15, 22	Camp Osborn (Summer Camp)
Summit Corps	July	New River Gorge Nat'l River
Indian Summer	Aug. 1-6	Ridgecrest Conference Center
One Day of Service	Oct. 22	Locations: TBD
NLS/NLATS	Nov. 4	FL FFA Leadership Trng Center

Summit Corps

Service and adventure go together like peanut butter and jelly. Milk and cookies. Map and compass. At least that's the idea that the Order of the Arrow is exploring with *SummitCorps The New River Experience* in July of 2011 at the New River Gorge National River in West Virginia. For years, the Order of the Arrow has pioneered the concept of the service adventure with the OA High Adventure Programs. In 2008, the OA had the chance to open up the service adventure to more Arrowmen with ArrowCorps5. Now, in 2011, the Order of the Arrow is providing another opportunity to blend the bliss that comes from cheerful service and the personal growth that can only come from a high adventure. While the service to the national river is an important aspect of the project, the fun that comes from recreation, brotherhood; being in the wilderness will make the experience that much richer. Many Arrowmen have experienced service, and have experienced adventure. If you have not taken the time to experience one of the Order's service adventure opportunities, 2011 is your chance. Join us for the service adventure of a lifetime in West Virginia. Mike Ellis is the Adult Leader for Immokalee Lodge's contingent. <http://event.oa-bsa.org/events/summitcorps2011/>





OA HIGH ADVENTURE



One of the most exciting and challenging benefits of being an Arrowman is OA High Adventure. OA High Adventure allows you to have the time of your life while still exercising cheerful service. For more information, go to: <http://adventure.oa-bsa.org/>

Northern Tier – Wilderness Voyage and Canadian Odyssey

Have you ever watched the Northern Lights dance across the sky over the Canadian Border? Carried a canoe a mile to see a spectacular waterfall? Worked to repair historic trails? Paddled forty miles in one day, seemingly chasing after a perfect sunset across countless still lakes?

This summer, take advantage of an opportunity to have experiences like these at the Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage or Canadian Odyssey at the Northern Tier High Adventure Bases in Minnesota and Ontario. On a two-week trek with one of these programs you can give service through trail building, make unforgettable memories, and canoe in beautiful remote country.

The service at the foundation of our Order acts as the cornerstone of this program. During your first week, you will work with your crew to repair and restore portage trails in the Superior National Forest or Quetico Provincial Park. This crew is composed of Arrowmen from around the country and led by two outstanding foremen trained in trail building, outdoor skills, and the Scouting and OA programs. During the second week you will embark on a voyage where you will explore pristine wilderness, make leadership decisions, and face up to the challenges of nature. The friendships and memories that you make in the North Woods will stand the test of time.

You can attend one of these two-week programs for only \$200. Arrowmen must be between the ages of sixteen and twenty-one to attend. For applications and more information on the opportunities please visit: <http://www.adventure.oa-bsa.org>.

-Article by Frank Sturges

Philmont – Trail Crew

The Order of the Arrow Trail Crew program is one of the best ways to experience Scouting's premier high adventure base, Philmont Scout Ranch. For two weeks, participants see and experience all that Philmont has to offer and much more.

For the first week, participants have the chance to make a significant difference to Philmont by participating in trail building in the backcountry. Work will include clearing terrain for trail and constructing switchbacks, retention bars, and several other erosion controls. The impact of this service will be felt by scouts for decades.

The second week of the program is spent experiencing Philmont in its finest. Unlike regular treks, Trail Crews make their own itinerary, instead of selecting from pre-planned routes. You can do and see just about anything, from the Tooth of Time to Baldy Mountain, your crew decides! Go to <http://www.adventure.oa-bsa.org> for more information.

-Article taken from National High Adventure Site

"All men dream, but not equally. Men who dream by night, in the dusty recesses of their mind, wake in the day to find that it was vanity; but the dreamers of the day are dangerous men, for they may act their dream with open eyes, to make it possible."











~ Thomas Edward Lawrence, *The Seven Pillars of Wisdom*

Brotherhood Conversion at Summer Camp

Arrowmen with 10 months of service as an Ordeal member attending camp at Camp Osborn this summer will have a unique opportunity to seal their membership in the Order of the Arrow by completing their Brotherhood requirements during summer camp. Brotherhood ceremonies will be held each week of camp. Completion of this ceremony signifies full membership in the Order. Contact your Scoutmaster or Troop OA Representative for more information on this special opportunity.



Officer Shout Outs

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Lodge Chief: “Hello Immokalee Lodge Arrowmen. Have you ever considered learning about Native American culture, drumming, and dancing? Immokalee Lodge has Drum and Dance Teams that are looking to gain some new members and momentum this year! Contact Pat Madden for more information.”
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VC of Administration: “Administration is always looking to welcome new Arrowmen into our team; particularly the Ceremonies Team is in need of understudies and backups. Contact Richard Taylor or Kwazi Wrensford for more information.”
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VC of Programs: “This June will have an OA weekend no one has seen before. We will welcome Alpha Lodge #545 from Valdosta to Camp Osborn. There will be fun competitions between the two lodges. Saturday morning we will have fun training sessions all throughout main camp, free for anybody interested. Many door prizes will be given out to participants throughout the weekend. We will end the sessions with a relaxing picnic. The pool and shooting range will be open for and free swim and shooting. Also this weekend there will be sessions and activities for the adults and leaders. Come out and support our lodge and enjoy a weekend of fun and fellowship. Programs Committee is working hard to make this the best OA weekend ever.”
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Secretary: “Hello everyone, I just wanted to remind all Arrowmen of Immokalee Lodge to send in any interesting articles, quotes, or other Order of the Arrow related media content to me so it can be considered for an *Owl Hoot*. You can contact me at matt.dickinson22@gmail.com”
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Treasurer: Did not submit a Shout Out.
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N. Chapter Chief: Did not submit a Shout Out.
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W. Chapter Chief: Did not submit a Shout Out.
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Inductions Chairman: “Greetings fellow Arrowmen! Being that Spring is just around the corner, elections will be upon us in no time. In the next month be expecting visits from your respective Chapter Chiefs and other volunteers to your troops to help conduct elections. These visits are great opportunities for current members to catch up with OA affairs, as well as get younger scouts excited about being future Arrowmen. We want all election results in well before Summer Camp so we can be ready to welcome all of our new candidates at the Call-out Ceremony. Ceremonies Team has been working hard to get ready for Conclave this April. We have a dedicated team, under the direction of Ceremonies Chairman Ben Crawford and Ceremonies Advisor David Workman, who work hard to make sure Immokalee Lodge has the best Ceremonies in our section. That's not to say we're not looking for recruits, far from it in fact. Ceremonies is the perfect opportunity to give back to the lodge, for Ceremonies is literally the face of Immokalee. If you are interested in joining Ceremonies, please contact Ben Crawford, our Ceremonies Chairman, or myself. That is all my Brothers, and here's to a great Spring!”
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Activities and Training Chairman: Did not submit a Shout Out.
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